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FEROCIOUS FIGHTING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Insurgent Forces Have Won a Brilliant Victory Over the Spanish Soldiers

Nearly 2000 Prisoners Taken In a Series of Decisive Engagements.

Washington, June 6.—(Special.)—After many conflicting rumors of naval engagements, landing of troops, etc., there came one bit of important news to the naval department embodied in a report from Rear Admiral Dewey at Manila.

He says in substance that the insurgents are actively engaged in the province of Cavite. They have recently won several important victories over the Spaniards and have captured 1,800 prisoners including fifty officers.

The Officials at Washington for some time have been apprehensive concerning Dewey's situation at Manila. They did not fear for his personal safety, but were uneasy lest he had not maintained the brilliant advantages won at the outset.

His report sets at rest these apprehensions, showing that his plans are working admirably and that the insurgents' operations are under his direction.

Through his agency the efforts of the Spanish agents to corrupt the insurgent leaders were thwarted.

No Truth in the Report Of the Sinking of the Terror.

Mole St. Nicholas, Hayti, June 6.—(Special.)—Advices received here to-day from the flagship New York, off Santiago de Cuba, and forwarded at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, say there is no truth in the report from Port Antonio, Jamaica, that the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror had been sunk by the United States battleship Oregon.

It is also reported from the flagship that no further news has been received from the Merrimac prisoners. A launch came off from the shore on Sunday morning under a flag of truce thinking one was flying on the Iowa. When the officer discovered his mistake the launch returned to Morro Castle.

The United States transport Resolute, formerly the Yorktown, has

arrived off Santiago de Cuba with apprentices for the fleet.

The United States dispatch boat Suwanee has also reached the fleet safely. Fine weather continues to prevail off Santiago de Cuba.

Monitors Monterey and Monadnock Will Reinforce Dewey.

Washington, June 6.—(Special.)—The naval department gave orders this afternoon to the effect that the Monadnock, now at Mare island, be made ready to sail in ten days for Manila.

The Monterey will not wait for the Monadnock, but will sail in a few hours under convoy of the collier Brutus. Another merchant vessel will be procured to accompany the Monadnock on her 6000 mile voyage. With these two powerful monitors added to his fleet, Dewey can take care of himself against the Cadiz fleet. The reports concerning the movements of the latter give the government no concern.

House Doesn't Like It—War Revenue Bill Sent to Conference.

Washington, June 6.—(Special.)—The House, on a rising vote, decided to nonconcur and send the War Revenue Bill to Conference by 106 to 90. The yeas and nays were ordered.

No Troops Have Been Landed at Santiago de Cuba.

Up to the close of business no news had been received by the officials confirming the report of the landing of troops at Santiago. The reports are discredited and the officials made no effort to conceal their incredulity.

DuBos and Carranza Arrested in Montreal, Canada.

Montreal, Quebec, June 6.—(Special.)—Senator DuBos, former first secretary of the Spanish legation at Washington, and Lieut. Carranza, were arrested here at 4:45 p. m., on a complaint issued by detectives at the house of the Spanish consul-general. They are charged with operating a system of spies in the United States, using a friendly nation's territory as a base of their hostile operations.

ORNAMENTS' OWNER BACK. Hopkinsville Friends Congratulate Him Upon His Colt's Victory.

Mr. W. P. Norton is back home after a very pleasant and profitable trip to the East. Mr. Norton was warmly welcomed by his many Hopkinsville friends and showered with congratulations upon the victory of his great horse Ornament in the Brooklyn handicap.

Aside from his half interest in the handsome purse of \$10,000 in this race, Mr. Norton's private winnings on the race amounted to \$17,000. This puts the enterprising and popular young turfman far ahead in the purchase of Ornament and verifies his judgment in buying the sensational son of Order. Since his victory in the handicap Ornament has become the favorite in the books for the Great Suburban, another classic event of the American turf soon to be run at Sheepshead bay.

His owners will not start him again before that event and the chances are that he will score another great triumph.

No Instructions Received. Mr. Frank W. Buckner, who has had charge of the local recruiting station since the first visit of Lieut. Schon Wright, of the first cavalry,

tucky between 2 and 3 a. m. today. At Paris several persons were thrown from their beds. At Maysville the vibrations lasted several seconds. At Millersburg the people were panic-stricken and many fled from their homes. The shock was felt for two minutes, spreading terror among the people. At Cynthiana the shock was accompanied by loud reports, and at Owingsville meteors have fallen during the daytime.

S. K. C. COMMENCEMENT.

Program of Exercises Beginning Last Night.

The Commencement Exercises of South Kentucky College began last night with the baccalaureate sermon preached by Eld. R. H. Crossfield, of Owensboro, at the Christian church.

To-night the Junior exercises and oratorical contest will be held at the College Chapel.

On Wednesday night the graduating exercises proper will be held at Holland's Opera House. There will be six graduates. Following are their names:

Jas. H. Pride, B. S., Alabama. Hugh C. Beazly, A. B., Julien, Ky. John H. Gardner, Morganfield, Ky. Bessie J. Summers, Hiseville, Ky. Hettie Van Cleve, Hopkinsville, Ky. Nellie Griffin, Lexington, Ky.

AT THE COURT HOUSE DOOR.

Master Commissioner Rives Makes Several Sales.

Master Commissioner Frank Rives made a number of sales yesterday at the court house door. Following is the list:

J. B. Jones vs. W. T. Prim et al., 350 acres near Elmo, John Prim; \$2,000. Fidelity Trust Co. vs. B. E. Sizemore, 70 acres near Sinking Fork, sold to Mrs. Rebecca Davis; consideration \$205.

Geiser Mfg. Co. vs. D. A. Summers et al., farm machines, sold to J. R. Caudle; consideration \$805. Mrs. T. M. Jones vs. Sallie F. Reeves, tract of land near Dry Creek, William Burt; \$1000.

Gaither & West et al. vs. Georgia Weaver, land on Little River, R. M. Weaver; 300.

Mary McClannahan vs. Joseph McClannahan, 225 acres of land at Elmo, John S. Check; \$17.50 an acre.

Bank of Hopkinsville vs. J. M. Merriweather, 125 acres on Palmyra road, Noel Rives; \$5,200.

J. M. P. Pool vs. Eliza Dulin et al., two acres of land on Greenville road, sold to Wiley P. Pool; \$50.

John L. Griffith vs. Willis Killebrew, lot near cemetery, sold to J. L. Griffith; \$280.

H. W. Breathitt, Adm., vs. Daniel Fields, 37 acres land near Hargis' bridge, Forbes & Bros.; \$225.

Five Generations Alive.

There are five generations represented in one family at St. Charles, Ky. They are Mrs. Elvira Davis, aged eighty-five years and the mother of nine children; Mrs. Cynthia Woodruff, daughter of Mrs. Davis, aged sixty-six and the mother of thirteen children; Mrs. Maggie Raymer, aged thirty-eight, daughter of Mrs. Woodruff and mother of six children; Mrs. Ferdinand Balder, aged seventeen, daughter of Mrs. Raymer and mother of one child, Neveline Balder.

Casky Baptist Church.

Rev. Will Kendall, of Tyler, Texas, a son of Rev. J. G. Kendall, of Waco, Texas, formerly a resident of this county, will preach at the Casky Baptist church to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

May Be Lynched.

George Scott, col., is in jail at Russellville, charged with attempting an assault upon Mrs. Hattie Scroggins, near Adairville. He was captured in Tennessee and brought back to Logan county.

THE BANK CASES.

The Test Case From Louisville Decided in the United States.

Circuit Court at Cincinnati Against the Banks.

The United States Circuit Court at Cincinnati has decided the noted bank tax cases from Kentucky, that have been in the courts since 1891, adversely to the banks. The following synopsis is from the Courier-Journal:

In brief, under the decisions 15 banks escape taxation under the present ad valorem tax on the value of their franchises until the expiration of their charters, which were in force in 1894. Twelve of these are in Louisville, two in Frankfort and one in Lexington.

These banks will be required to pay a tax of seventy-five cents on the \$100 of capital stock, and on all of their surplus exceeding 10 per cent. of their capital stock, the ordinary State tax to the State in lieu of all other taxes. This is because the Court of Appeals decided in their favor, before the present court came in, and under the ruling of the United States Circuit Court this state of affairs remains until their charters expire.

The Louisville banks who must pay the franchise and ad valorem tax under the recent decision of the Court of Appeals, which is sustained, are the Union National Bank and American National Bank, which were not in existence when the Hewitt bill, construed as a contract by Judge Pryor's court, was accepted, and the First National Bank, which did not accept the contract.

All other banks in the State except those named above must also pay ad valorem taxes on the value of their franchises under the present law.

An appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken. It is probable that the cases will be advanced on the docket and come to trial at the October term of the next Supreme Court. Justice Harlan, in fact, announced to counsel that the cases would be advanced and an early hearing facilitated.

The three principal decisions of the United States Circuit Court are of interest to every lawyer, financial institution and to almost every individual in the State.

The first is the decision in the Bank of Kentucky case, which deals with the question as to whether there was a charter contract on the part of the banks of the State under the Hewitt law of 1886, and decides there was none.

The third is that in the trust company cases, and holds that they are not embraced in the exemptions. Only the Louisville Trust Company and Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Company brought suit in the Federal Court. The Columbia Finance and Trust Company brought no suit, but it stands on the same footing as the others and under the decision has no exemption from city taxes.

Big Force of Laborers.

A crew of thirty colored laborers came in from Evansville on the 5:13 train yesterday afternoon and will be employed at Dalton's rock quarries preparing rock ballast for the L. & N. track.

SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Hopson Property Sold Yesterday at Auction.

The handsome Main street residence property of Dr. W. H. Hopson, between Main and Water, and 11th and 12th streets, was sold at public auction yesterday afternoon. The Main street frontage was divided into 8 lots of 21 feet by 120 deep.

Beginning at the Eleventh street corner these lots were sold as follows:

No. 1 to E. P. Duncan, . . . \$980 00
No. 2 to M. Johnson, . . . 750 00
No. 3 to M. H. Tandy, . . . 600 00
No. 4 to M. H. Tandy, . . . 550 00
No. 5 to J. W. Popham, . . . 500 00
No. 6 to J. W. Popham, . . . 500 00
No. 7 to J. L. P'Pool, . . . 525 00
No. 8 to J. L. P'Pool, . . . 525 00

Two lots fronting on the side streets, back of the front lots, were then offered and sold to W. M. Hancock at \$350 each. Under this divided sale the property brought \$5630. It was again offered in two equal lots running from Main street back. There was spirited bidding for the 12th street corner, one of the handsomest vacant lots in the city, between J. W. Popham, J. L. P'Pool and W. S. Wilson. It was knocked off to Mr. Wilson at \$2950. The adjoining lot was sold the same way.

It contains the residence and Mr. Wilson also bought that at \$4,000. The entire property was then offered as a whole and Mr. Wilson bid it in at \$7000, raising his own figures \$50. Mr. Wilson is a stepson of Dr. Hopson, and the supposition is that he bought the property in to keep it from passing out of the family.

The sale was conducted by the Christian County Abstract Co., with J. E. Cliborne as auctioneer.

SHOT A BOY.

A Crap Shooter Uses a Pistol at a Colored Festival.

Another of the periodical shooting affrays that enliven the territory on both sides of the State line occurred at Ringgold, Tenn., at a colored festival Saturday night. As the festivities began to wane, a crap game became one of the features and a dispute came up between Isaac Ward and a man named Ball. Ward began shooting at Ball, but missed him and hit a small boy named Curtis Terry. The shot took effect in the boy's ankle and made a wound not regarded as dangerous. The shooting broke up the supper.